

REMARKS

The present amendment is in response to the Official Action mailed on April 7, 2004. Applicants have currently amended claims 11-17 and 21 and have added new claims 22-24. Thus, claims 11-24, as amended, are now pending and presented for reconsideration in view of the following remarks. A one-month extension petition is submitted herewith.

Claims 11-21 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over previously cited Sampsell, U.S. Patent No. 6,219,839 ("Sampsell") in view of newly cited Yuen et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,606,747 ("Yuen '747"). In summary, the Examiner admits that Sampsell fails to disclose generating a first on-screen display on a first screen representing a description of a television program currently being received and a second on-screen display on a separate, second screen representing a description of television programming transmitted by an external device. Given the failure of Sampsell's disclosure, the Examiner relies upon Yuen '747, which teaches to provide an on-screen display including a program guide mode that displays both live video and guide information on the same screen. Combining Sampsell and Yuen '747, the Examiner concludes that it would have been obvious to modify Sampsell to allow two screens to be displayed; namely, (1) an on-screen display only and (2) an on-screen display in a PIP window as taught by Yuen '747, since Yuen provides an advantage of permitting the viewing of programs scheduled for future broadcast without losing sight of the current program being watched.

While Applicants submit that the proposed combination of these two references is improper, their combination proposed by the Examiner in any event does not disclose, teach or suggest the presently claimed invention. First, neither Sampsell nor

Yuen '747 are adapted to generate a first on-screen display on a first screen representing a description of a television program currently received and a second on-screen display on a separate, second screen representing a description of television programming which is reproduced and transmitted by the external storage device through the digital interface. Sampell has only one on-screen display and Yuen '747 lacks an on-screen display of any television programming which is reproduced and transmitted by an external storage device. Combining these two references as proposed by the Examiner would produce a first screen with an on-screen guide (or EPG) and a second screen with the very same EPG overlaid on the currently received television program. Thus, this arrangement would not provide a first on-screen display on a first screen and a separate, second on-screen display representing a description of television programming from an external storage device on a separate, second screen as provided by the presently claimed invention.

The presently claimed invention generates two separate on-screen displays, not one shared on-screen display. Namely, when a program is currently being received, a first on-screen display will be shown (e.g., see Fig. 2) and when recorded programming is reproduced and transmitted by an external storage device, a separate, second on-screen display is shown (e.g., the display shown in Fig. 5). These two types of displays are different and are generated on separate screens. Preferably, the displays include difference information to display to the user whether the on-screen display relates to the currently received television program or the television program being reproduced from an external storage device (see claim 12). Further preferred is that unnecessary information on the first on-screen display is omitted on the second on-screen display (see claim 15). Still further, it is preferred that the first

on-screen display is overlaid on the television program currently being received and displayed on the first screen whereas the second on-screen displays overlaid on the television programming transmitted by the external storage device and displayed on the second screen (see claims 22-24).

In summary, the present invention provides a first on-screen display associated with the currently received television program and a separate, second on-screen display associated with television program being transmitted from an external storage device. *Sampsell*, by contrast, only provides a single-screen, universal ERG that displays both information about live and recorded programs simultaneously. Thus, combining *Sampsell* with *Yuen '747* would only yield the same, single screen universal ERG being displayed alone or overlaid on live programming as shown in Figure 2 of *Yuen '747*.

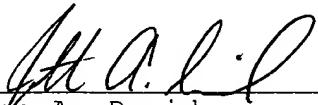
Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the presently claims are not rendered obvious by the combination of *Sampsell* and *Yuen '747* and therefore respectfully requests that the § 103 rejection be withdrawn and that a notice of allowance be issued with respect to the pending claims.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he telephone Applicants' attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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